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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, KS, TS

SUBJECT: MUSHROOMS

REF: STATE 173821

1. ROK EMBOFFS (HONG AND NOH) REQUESTED A MEETING ON SEPT. 5 TO DISCUSS THE MUSHROOM QUESTION. THEY ASKED IF A DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED TO REQUEST RESTRAINTS ON MUSHROOM EXPORTS FROM KOREA. WE TOLD THEM THAT OUR EMBASSIES IN SEOUL AND TAIPEI HAVE OR WOULD SOON BE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS ON THAT SUBJECT. THEY PROBED FOR SPECIFICS BUT WERE GIVEN NO DETAILS CONCERNING DURATION, BASE YEAR TOTALS, OR GROWTH RATES. WE CONFINED OURSELVES TO THE COMMENT THAT OUR REQUEST FOR EXPORT RESTRAINT WOULD BE BASED ON PAST EXPORT EXPERIENCE AND THE APPROACH MADE BY THE EMBASSY WOULD BE A GENEROUS ONE. WE ADDED THAT OUR SUGGESTION WOULD CONTAIN A PROVISION FOR INCREASING GROWTH RATES.

2. THE REACTION OF THE ROK EMBOFFS WAS THAT THEY EXPECTED A VERY NEGATIVE RECEPTION IN SEOUL. THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED A FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE ONLY BY THE PRESIDENT. THEY RECOUNTED PREVIOUS EXAMPLES OF USG  
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REQUESTS FOR EXPORT RESTRAINTS, REMINDING US THAT THEIR

DECISIONS TO COOPERATE WERE ALWAYS BASED ON THEIR OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE US. THEY SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS YET ANOTHER CASE WHERE KOREA WAS BEING SINGLED OUT FOR RESTRICTIVE TREATMENT.

3. WE ASSURED THEM THAT OUR DECISION WAS WEIGHED IN THE CONTEXT OF US-ROK RELATIONS, AND THAT KOREA WAS NOT BEING SINGLED OUT. FACTORS SPECIFIC BOTH TO TAIWAN AND KOREA WERE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN THE TAILORING OF WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE EQUITABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR RESTRAINT TO BOTH COUNTRIES. THE FACT WAS THAT IN A SITUATION WHERE MARKET PENETRATION HAD INCREASED SO RAPIDLY, OUR INDUSTRY NEEDED MORE TIME TO ADJUST, RUSH

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